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Reconsidering the cost of sprawl (is this new math for new urbanists?). — Architectural exuberance mandated in Australia (meaning buildings should be designed by architects, not developers...now there's a concept!). — The connection between design and devotion under study. — Students take on virtual urban renewal by designing video games. — Extreme weather will change how buildings are built. — Building "green" is becoming more affordable. — A project in Canada and a study in U.K. prove people are willing to pay extra for "green." — New York Yankees pitch a new stadium — using their own money). — Pelli masterminds a City of Fashion to rise in an abandoned area of Milan (design competition to follow). — Four finalists for design of information kiosk in Lower Manhattan. — Gehry steps into icon fracas in U.K. while keeping his eye on Kansas City arena. — The brainy half of the Libeskind team. — Profiling Mario Bellini.

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The Costs of Sprawl Reconsidered: What the Data Really Show- The Heritage Foundation

Brave new buildings: The current wave of Australia-wide architectural exuberance was mandated, in part, by...a requirement that buildings hitherto designed by developers...should be designed in future by qualified people, namely, architects. - Black Kosloff Knott; Graham Jahn; Callum Fraser; Renzo Piano; Alex Popov; Max Pritchard; Harry Seidler; Adrian McGregor- Australian Financial Review

Connection between design, devotion is under study by a group of clerics, neuroscientists and architects - Academy of Neuroscience for Architecture; Norman Koonce; Nolan Bingham; Gunnar Birkerts; Harry Weese; Eero Saarinen (AP)- The Oklahoman

Virtual Worlds Meet the Real One: students studied urban renewal by creating computer games at Eyebeam...about one of NYC's more interesting and contentious current urban-renewal projects: the High Line.- Wired magazine

Extreme weather warning: Architects need to rethink design to deal with climate change, advises government study- BD/Building Design (UK)

'Green' Sounds Great — But Is It Affordable? A variety of real-life projects with standard construction costs...are receiving silver or gold ratings from U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rating system. By Neal Peirce - LPA; William McDonough; IBM; Steelcase; Herman Miller- Washington Post Writers Group

A project that's worth watching: Suites at High Park Lofts...just may ease residents' ecological consciences...Could High Park Lofts be what happens when modernism's old dreams come true? Or another dashed hope? - Stanford Downey- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Majority would pay more for environmentally friendly homes...according to the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (Cabe), WWF and Halifax.- Cumberland News (UK)

Yankees Propose New \$700 million Stadium, and Would Pay: The proposal dovetails with a redevelopment plan for the neighborhood...- New York Times

Italy: In the fashion wonderland - a City of Fashion: Cesar Pelli master plans 110,485 square meters...In 2005, there will be a design competition for buildings coming up in the area.- fibre2fashion.com

Lower Manhattan Looks Beyond the Kiosk for its Information-Rich Future: Four finalists selected to design a CIVIC EXCHANGE installation - Antenna Design; Leeser Architecture/StoSS/Golan Levin; Local Networks; MESH Architecture/ORG inc./Nina Rappaport [links]- Van Alen Institute

Gehry: the icon effect is misunderstood: Star architect wades into icon row amid calls for Liverpool resignation - Alsop; Libeskind; Foster; Calatrava; Jencks-BD/Building Design (UK)

Gehry looking toward arena: "...I'm not lobbying to get this job. I only go where I'm wanted and when I'm wanted." - Crawford Architects; Downtown Arena Design Team (HOK Sport + Event + Venue/Ellerbe Becket/360 Architecture)- Kansas City Star

Big Enough to Be the Brainy Half: The resemblance of Nina Libeskind to her husband, Daniel Libeskind, architect of the plan for the reconfigured World Trade Center, ends at the resemblance.- New York Times

Master Architect Builds Reputation: Italy's Mario Bellini has been equally adept at small and large scale projects for 40 years-Tandem (Canada)

Healing Gardens: Samaritan Health Services: A master planning approach to landscape design serves up a system of healthful opportunities. - Macdonald Environmental Planning [images]- ArchNewsNow

⁻⁻ Exhibition: Santiago Calatrava: The Architect's Studio, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, Washington

⁻⁻ Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates: Leon Levy Visitor Center, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY

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